

REMARKS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections with respect to all claims now pending in the application (i.e., Claims 1-4) is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks.

Claims 1-4 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Yi, European Patent No. 0961457.

The present invention provides a hinge mechanism for a flip-type portable radio terminal opened by applying force within a relatively small angle, to reduce the movement stroke when opening the terminal. To accomplish this, the hinge cam is provided with “a pair of angled portions on the surface of the hinge cam facing the hinge shaft, ... each angled portion having a gentle slope and a steep slope, the gentle slope and the steep slope being asymmetrical to each other sidewise”, as recited in Claim 1.

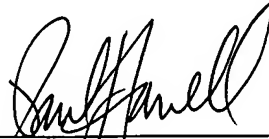
In response to our prior arguments, the Examiner states that Yi discloses hinge modules mounted in an asymmetrical manner in the receiving portion of the hinge arm and refers to col. 12, lines 32-35 and 40-52 of Yi. That part of Yi talks about *two separate* hinge cams facing each other so that their angled surfaces are asymmetrical between the two hinge cams. Claim 1 recites a “pair of angled portions *on the surface of the hinge cam*.. each angled portion having a gentle slope and a steep slope, the gentle slope and the steep slope being asymmetrical to each other sidewise.” The asymmetrical slopes on the hinge cam of Claim 1 are both on the hinge cam itself. The asymmetrical orientation of Yi is between two separate hinge cams.

Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that since Yi does not teach a pair of angled portions on the surface of the hinge cam, with each angled portion having a gentle slope and a steep slope, the two slopes being asymmetrical to each other, as recited in Claim 1, then Claim 1 is allowable over Yi.

As Claims 2-4 depend from Claim 1, these claims are also believed to be allowable. Accordingly, all claims now pending in the application, i.e., Claims 1-4, are believed to be allowable.

The application as now presented, containing Claims 1-4, is believed to be in condition for allowance. Accordingly, an expeditious and favorable action is hereby solicited. Should the Examiner feel that a telephone conference or personal interview would facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



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